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AMENDMENT A

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 30 January 2002, please reconsider the above referenced application.

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the following discussion.

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Valette (US 2,712,205). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. As set forth in the presently pending claims, the present application discloses and claims a spreader roll having a bowable shaft and including a plurality of cylindrical elements axially aligned along the shaft. The Valette reference neither discloses nor claims the combination of a spreader roll having a bowable shaft and a plurality of roll segments aligned along the shaft and wherein the rolls are provided with non-linear edge profiles. In contrast, the Valette reference discloses and claims an abrading